

House Resolution 339

By: Representatives Marin of the 96th, Brooks of the 63rd, Taylor of the 55th, Benfield of the 85th, Gardner of the 57th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging Congress and President Obama to enact comprehensive immigration reform; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, our nation's immigrants have made invaluable contributions to the progress of
4 Georgia and the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, immigrants continue to enrich the social, economic, cultural, and civic life of
6 our country and state; and

7 WHEREAS, we believe that comprehensive immigration reform policies must recognize the
8 contribution of newcomers, as well as the important role that immigrant workers and their
9 families play in the future growth of our nation and state; and

10 WHEREAS, we believe Georgia is a great destination for international visitors and
11 international business, and we must do everything to support our efforts to recruit
12 international visitors; and

13 WHEREAS, we believe that in order to best ensure our nation's security, our immigration
14 enforcement measures must be effective, fair, and humane; and

15 WHEREAS, proposals which would expand enforcement of federal immigration laws by
16 local law enforcement agencies require employers to participate in flawed employment
17 verification systems, jeopardize the due process rights of our nation's residents, and are
18 ineffective approaches to protecting our national security and the safety of our neighborhoods
19 and communities.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
21 the members of this body urge the United States House of Representatives, the United States
22 Senate, and President Barack Obama to demonstrate leadership by working to achieve true

23 comprehensive immigration reform, and rejecting unfair and ineffective immigration
24 policies.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body urge the United States House
26 of Representatives, the United States Senate, and the President to enact comprehensive
27 immigration reform that provides immigrant workers and their families with an opportunity
28 to obtain legal permanent residence and eventually United States citizenship, through an
29 "earned" legalization program with fair and reasonable requirements; includes provisions to
30 reunify families and reduce the immigration family backlog; provides law abiding
31 undocumented high school students a meaningful opportunity to pursue higher education;
32 actively furthers the civic integration of newcomers by promoting naturalization and making
33 more resources available for English as a second language and civics instruction; and
34 addresses the fundamental cause of migration to the United States — the need for sustainable
35 social and economic development in the communities where migrants originate.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
37 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Georgia delegation to the
38 United States House of Representatives, the United States Senate, and to President Barack
39 Obama.